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New "Spencer" Sweet Peas for 1910.

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SPENCER SWEET PEA,—MARIE CORELLI,—from a Photograph.

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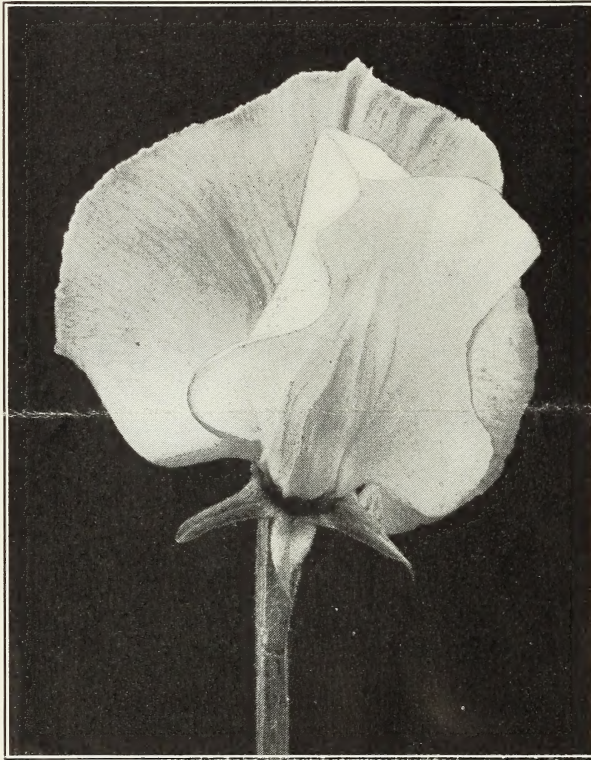
"Four of the Finest" True Superb New "Spencer" Sweet Peas.

Marie Corelli
Miriam Beaver

W. T. Hutchins
Senator Spencer

With the exception of our King Edward Spencer, Aurora and Othello Spencers, we regard these four new Spencers—after careful inspection of the crops in California—as probably the TRUEST TO TYPE at time of

introduction of any new Spencers that have originated in America and unsurpassed in fixity of character by any English novelties yet obtained. We feel quite sure that they will give complete satisfaction to amateurs and Sweet Pea Specialists both in England and America.



MIRIAM BEAVER,—Electro 65 cents.

The "Sportive Character" of nearly all Spencer Seedlings, while very annoying, is not an unmixed evil,—as thus the original Countess Spencer has been most prolific of Novelties. We aim to introduce only such new varieties as we have reason to believe will prove sufficiently fixed in color and type. The Four New Spencers now announced for 1910 have been selected out of more than three times that number that were supposed to be "true."

Of the Five Spencers introduced by us last season (1909), three have come quite true from seed. These three are BURPEE'S KING EDWARD SPENCER, AURORA, and OTHELLO SPENCER,—of which we are pleased to offer selected stock, of 1909 crop, to the trade. The other two—MRS. ROUTZAHN and QUEEN VICTORIA SPENCER—unfortunately have "broken" so badly that it has been possible only to save stock seed and a small quantity for packets. We cannot supply seed by weight at any price.

Our friends in England should not be too hasty in condemning American Novelties in "Spencer" Sweet Peas,—for as a matter of fact most of the New English varieties (with a few notable exceptions such as *Dobbie's The King* and *Mrs. A. Ireland*) have also "broken" badly, as have the American Mrs. Routzahn and Queen Victoria Spencers.

We are sure, however, that it is only a question of a few years when our English friends will be able to *true to type* their own pet novelties, just as we are determined to perfect Mrs. Routzahn and Queen Victoria. We are confident that another year will show both of these beautiful varieties sufficiently true from seed to satisfy the most critical planters.

PHILADELPHIA, September 27, 1909.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.

Sweet Pea,—

Miriam Beaver.

This seedling bore the field name of "*Dark Apricot and Straw.*"

The original beauty stood out in bright array and was then and there christened with an appropriate new name, as it is not a shade known before in the grandiflora or Eckford types.

In shape, size, graceful arrangement on the stem, free blooming and seedless nature, it is in all respects the same as Countess Spencer. Its novelty is its color—a glowing but soft apricot, tinted, shaded and suffused with lemon. A little variation perhaps with a tint of salmon, deeper by a trifle on the back of the standard, but practically a self color.

It is a color difficult to describe and might be said to approach a *terra cotta tint*, especially so as it harmonizes so beautifully with golden brown. The midrib of the standard is more pronounced and a trifle deeper than the body of the standard. As the blooming season advances the color fades somewhat to a pinkish salmon-buff.—*Description of the originators*,—MESSRS. C. C. MORSE & Co.

In sealed packets containing **six seeds each: Per pkt. 15 cts.; \$1.00 per doz. pkts.; \$7.00 per 100 pkts.** In lots of 500 pkts. or more, **\$6.25 per 100 pkts.** (Cable word, BEAVER.)

In sealed packets containing **thirteen seeds each: Per pkt. 25 cts.; \$2.00 per doz. pkts., \$13.75 per 100 pkts.** In lots of 500 pkts. or more, **\$12.50 per 100 pkts.** (Cable, MIRIAM.)

Natural Size Spray of
MIRIAM BEAVER
SPENCER SWEET PEA.

Entirely distinct in color from any other Sweet Pea of either the Grandiflora or Spencer types.

Electrotypes of this illustration will be supplied at **\$1.15.**

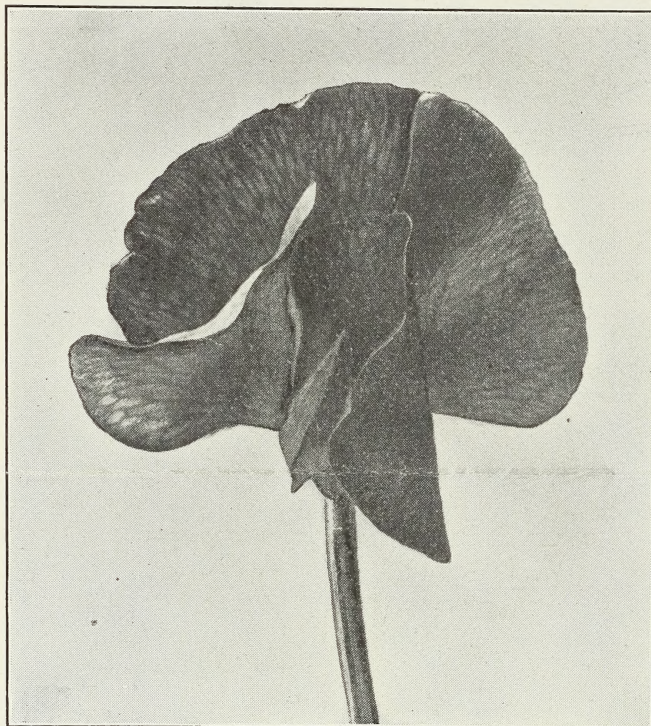
"Marie Corelli." For description of this beautiful New Spencer,—see next page.

Spencer Sweet Pea,—“Marie Corelli.”

This grand novelty was known in the field as “PRINCE OF WALES SPENCER” and was so called in our advance July circular. The coloring differs considerably, however, from the grandiflora *Prince of Wales*, so that it is deserving of a new name among Sweet Peas.

With the kind permission of the famous English authoress, MISS MARIE CORELLI, we have named it in her honor and predict that it will become relatively as popular as are her delightful books.

“**Marie Corelli**” in trials both in England and at Fordhook, was pronounced by Sweet Pea experts as being in the fore rank of distinct Spencer novelties. It is a great advance on the only variety that is at all near it,—*Marjorie Willis*,—being much brighter in color and more vigorous in growth. The large



flowers are brilliant rose-carmine or red and *uniformly of true Spencer form*. The wings are a pure rich rose-crimson, while the standard shows a tint of cherry-red. The whole effect is that of a brilliant crimson,—clear, distinct and most beautiful. The standard is large, round and wavy; the wings are full and inclined to remain boldly outright instead of drooping.

The long strong stems usually bear four flowers each. The plant is of strong growth and very free flowering. MARIE CORELLI is a variety that belongs in all first dozen sets and will become one of our standard shades in Spencers.

In sealed packets containing ten seeds each: **Per pkt. 15 cts., \$1.00 per doz. pkts.; \$7.00 per 100 pkts.** In lots of 500 pkts. or

NEW SPENCER,—“MARIE CORELLI,”—Electrotype 65 cents.

more, **\$6.25 per 100 pkts.** (Cable word, MARIE.)

In sealed pkts. containing twenty seeds each: **Per pkt. 25 cts.; \$2.00 per doz. pkts.; \$13.75 per 100 pkts.** In lots of 500 pkts. or more, **\$12.50 per 100 pkts.** (Cable word, CORELLI.)

These New “Spencers” for 1910

will be supplied to the Trade in Great Britain and Ireland by our Authorized Agents.

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LONDON, S. E.

New Sweet Pea,—Senator Spencer.



A Spray of
SENATOR "SPENCER"
Sweet Pea.
Exactly natural size.

Electrotype of this
Cut, \$1.15.

Although this variety belongs in the darker colored class, the lighter background gives a mass of the blooms a sort of heliotrope tint which is very pleasing. The color is a varying combination of deep claret and chocolate, striped and flaked on a ground of light heliotrope. It presents a beautiful combination of tints and shows up wonderfully well under close inspection as the dainty detailed markings are most attractive.

SENATOR
SPENCER
is of the
true
Spencer
form—

wavy
edges on
both
standard
and wings,
—large,
round, fluffy
standard, long
drooping wings.
Both standard
and wings are
marked with the
same colors and

in the same way, with a trifle more of the wine shading in the wings. The stems are long and there are usually four good, large, finely formed flowers on each stem.

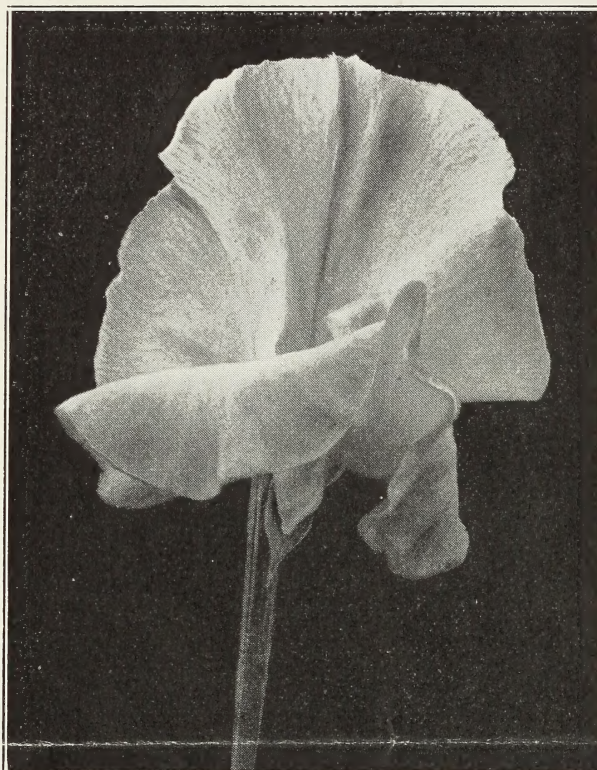
Senator Spencer

bears flowers which are so much larger and handsomer that it almost deserves a distinct name. It comes true from seed and the vines are a perfect mass of bloom throughout the season.

In sealed packets containing **ten seeds each**: Per pkt. 15 cts.; \$1.00 per doz. pkts.; \$7.00 per 100 pkts. In lots of 500 pkts. or more, \$6.25 per 100 pkts. (Cable word, SENATE.)

In sealed packets containing **20 seeds each**: Per pkt. 25 cts.; \$2.00 per doz. pkts.; \$13.75 per 100 pkts. In lots of 500 pkts. or more, \$12.50 per 100 pkts. (Cable word, SENATOR.)

New Sweet Pea,—W. T. Hutchins.



W. T. HUTCHINS,—Electrotype 65 cents.

W. T. HUTCHINS is a fine, bold, true Spencer of most perfect form and coloring. The buds show a decided buff color. The fully expanded flower has the appearance of light apricot (distinctly lemon at the throat), overlaid with a beautiful blush pink. As the season advances the blush pink shading becomes rather more pronounced.

The vigorous vines flower most freely, the stems are long and carry well three or four fine flowers. Both standard and wings are wavy, ruffled and crinkled of the most advanced Spencer type. The flowers are of the largest size, the standard measures two inches across by one and five-eighths inches deep.

In sealed packets containing six seeds each: **Per pkt. 15 cts.; \$1.00 per doz. pkts.; \$7.00 per 100 pkts.** In lots of 500 pkts. or more, **\$6.25 per 100 pkts.** (Cable word, WILLIAM.)

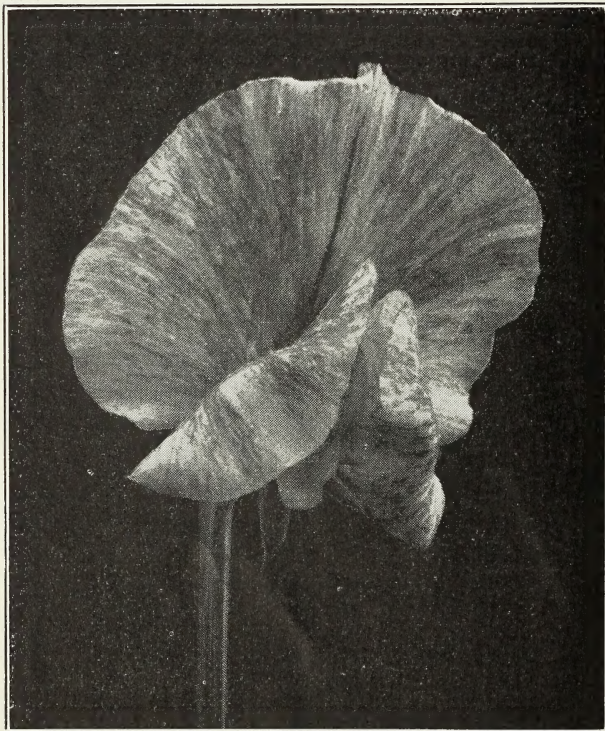
In sealed packets containing thirteen seeds each: **Per pkt. 25 cts.; \$2.00 per doz. pkts.; \$13.75 per 100 pkts.** In lots of 500 pkts. or more, **\$12.50 per 100 pkts.** (Cable word, HUTCHINS.)

Aurora Spencer.

This is an exact counterpart as to color of *Burpee's Aurora Sweet Pea*, which has been so long considered the best of all the striped and mottled varieties; it differs only in size and character of the flowers. The superbly beautiful flowers are of *really enormous size*, and come uniformly of the true "*Spencer*" type. Both standard and wings are waved or fluted to a most pronounced degree. The magnificent flowers are produced most profusely in threes and fours, well placed on the end of long, stiff, dark-green stems. The ground color of the flower is a cream-white, and this is exquisitely flaked and mottled with rich orange-salmon. It bunches beautifully.

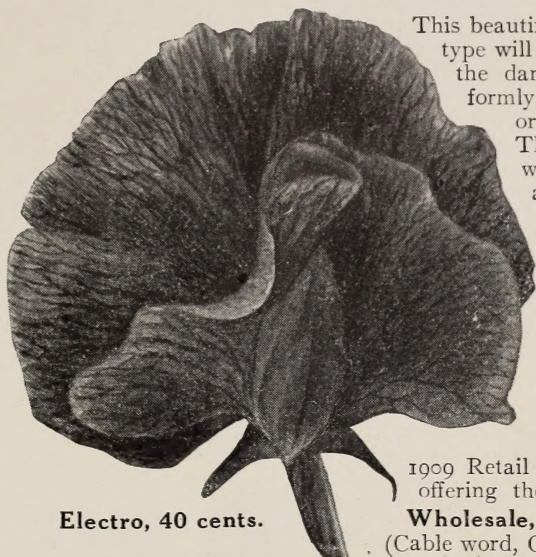
In sealed packets containing fifteen seeds each: **Per pkt. 15 cts.; \$1.00 per doz. pkts.; \$7.00 per 100 pkts.** In lots of 500 pkts. or more, **\$6.25 per 100 pkts.** (Cable word, FLAKED.)

In sealed packets containing thirty seeds each: **Per pkt. 25 cts.; \$2.00 per doz. pkts.; \$13.75 per 100 pkts.** In lots of 500 pkts. or more, **\$12.50 per 100 pkts.** (Cable word, AURORA.)



AURORA SPENCER,—Electrotype 65 cents.

New Sweet Pea,—Othello Spencer.



Electro, 40 cents.

This beautiful new Sweet Pea of the true Spencer type will appeal to those having a preference for the darker colors. The flowers come uniformly true to type, being beautifully waved or crinkled both in standard and wings. The stems are thick and long and carry well either three or four fine blooms of a rich deep maroon. It is a strong grower and the intensely dark-colored flowers contrast well with the lighter shades already introduced. Unfortunately, while a most profuse bloomer, OTHELLO SPENCER is an unusually shy seeder,—consequently we can give only "ten seeds for a quarter." ["A quarter" is 25 cts. or one shilling.]

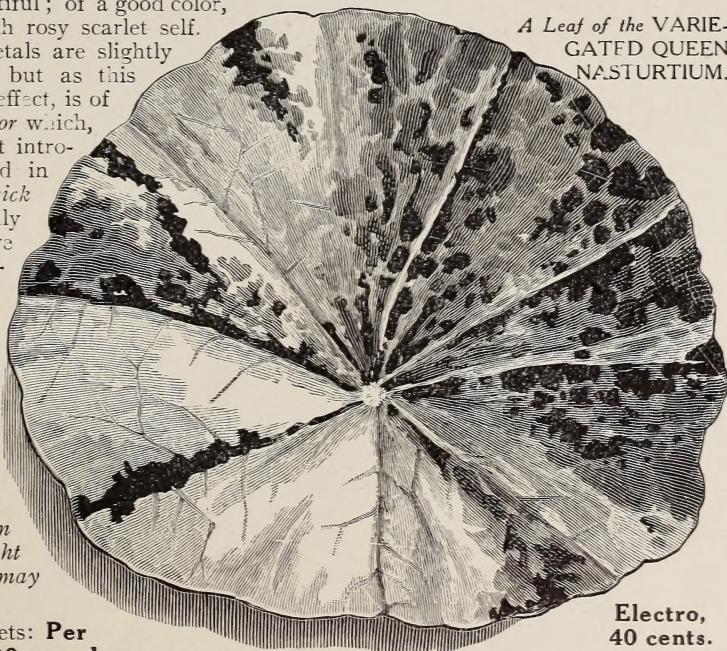


Above is description repeated *verbatim* from our 1909 Retail Catalog. We have pleasure now of offering the seed to the trade, on early orders. Wholesale, 90 cts. per oz.; \$9.00 per lb. (Cable word, OTHELLO.)

New Variegated-Leaved Tall Nasturtium,—“Queen of Fordhook.”

Now first offered exclusively by us this is the brightest of all the popular variegated-leaved tall nasturtiums. The foliage is most pronouncedly blotched and striped and would be attractive as a trailing vine even if it never flowered. The flowers, however, are extremely beautiful; of a good color, brilliant red or rich rosy scarlet self.

Only the upper petals are slightly streaked at base, but as this hardly shows the effect, is of one intense self color which, prior to its present introduction, was called in the cultures “brick red.” It is certainly a most attractive color, and the flowers are shown to great advantage above the foliage, which is so strikingly blotched with white and yellow. Unlike most *Novelties in Variegated-leaved Nasturtiums*, this comes entirely true from seed and will delight every amateur who may plant it.



A Leaf of the VARIEGATED QUEEN NASTURTIUM.

Electro, 40 cents.

In sealed packets: Per pkt. 25 cts.; \$2.00 per doz. pkts.; \$13.75 per 100 pkts. In lots of 500 pkts. or more, \$12.50 per 100 pkts. (Cable word, QUEENLY.)

In half-size packets: Per pkt. 15 cts.; \$1.00 per doz. pkts.; \$7.00 per 100 pkts. In lots of 500 pkts. or more, \$6.25 per 100 pkts. (Cable, VARIEGATED.)

New Sweet Pea,—King Edward Spencer.

This sterling novelty is the nearest approach in color to the popular *King Edward VII* in the waved or Spencer type. The enormous flowers come almost uniformly waved and crinkled to a pronounced degree. The standard measures from one and three-quarters to two inches across by one and one-quarter inches deep; the wings are one and three-eighths inches wide by one and one-quarter inches long. The unusually large wings make the flowers appear truly

gigantic in size.

The standard is a deep rich carmine-scarlet of glossy effect. The wings are also carmine-scarlet and on the reverse side are of a deep rosy carmine. The stems are twelve to fifteen inches long and frequently carry four fine blooms, while the majority bear three flowers.

The stems are thick and heavy, the vines vigorous and thrifty.

Wholesale Price,
90 cts. per oz.;
\$9.00 per lb.

(Cable word,
JEHU.)

Price of
Electro,
\$1.15.



A Spray of BURPEE'S
"KING EDWARD" SPENCER.
Exactly Natural Size.

We have True
Stocks—1909 Crops—of

**Burpee's Apple Blossom
Spencer, Burpee's White
and Primrose Spencer,**

and shall be pleased to quote
prices, upon receipt of inquiry,
stating quantities required.

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For Authorized London Agents,—see page 4.